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## Reservists train to serve their own

By Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio & Staff Sgt. Teena Britton  
Wing Public Affairs



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. JESSICA D'AUORIZIO

**Senior Airman John Hood, 917th Services Flight, removes chicken from the oven before the lunch crowd arrives during the January UTA.**

With an increase in the base population comes an increased need for basic services. Some of the areas affected are the dining hall, the gym, and lodging.

On a non-UTA weekend, the Red River Dining hall will serve about 140 people per day. During a UTA weekend, the number of people increases by approximately 400 per day. The 917<sup>th</sup> Services Flight has people assigned to help offset the increased demands on the chow hall during this time. Learning how to manage, cook and serve at least three meals a day is just one of the duty areas of reservists in the 917 MWR.

"They (active duty) teach us about cooking, taking care of food, and managing food to cut down on waste," said Senior Airman John Hood, 917<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron. "We are trained to get the food out as fast as we can. We also have to make the food appealing."

Some of the services people are performing their annual tour at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, this summer. They will be augmenting the active duty at the base dining facility.

"All of the training here (Barksdale) is keeping me on my toes. I want to do a good job in Hawaii," said Hood.



**Senior Airman Tyosha Johnson, 917th Services Flight, chops celery for the lunchtime salad bar.**

"The active duty expects them to be trained when they arrive," said Senior Master Sgt. Laraine Warren-Dawn, NCOIC of 917<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron. There are three crucial areas that service personnel must be trained in; food service, lodging, and fitness and recreation.

"While some of the service people will go to Hickam, others will be supporting the AEF in Spain and Saudi Arabia," said Maj. Powell, 917<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron. "The Services Squadron does more than just cook. When services mobilize, they can be working in the gym, lodging, a field exchange, moral and recreation areas, laundry, and mortuary affairs. Services people are with the first group of personnel to arrive. People must eat and have somewhere to stay."

Lodging is basically where the people will go to relax and bed down at the end of the duty day. "There is one reservist who even shows up on Friday nights to work lodging for the unit," said Powell. "Our service people are really dedicated to providing a good 'quality of life' for the reservists. We provide everything you need from cradle to grave in the service squadron."

## A message from the Vice Wing Commander

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### IT'S ALL ABOUT ATTITUDE

Time flies when you're having fun. It is hard to believe it is time for another Conventional Operational Readiness Inspection. It seems like it was just yesterday but it was really September and December 1997.

Our next CORI is tentatively scheduled for June 8-9, 2002 (Phase I) and Nov. 2-3, 2002 (Phase II). For those who have been in the Guard or Reserves for a long time you know from experience that there is little time to prepare between now and then. With the many tasks we are required to accomplish on a daily basis and the never-ending requests from all our customers we never seem to catch up.

Most folks know from personal experience that practicing for a CORI is generally not a lot of fun. I would rather be fishing but unfortunately the Secretary of the Air Force, Inspector General doesn't grade us on our fishing capabilities.

They are charged with reporting force readiness to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air force. They accomplish that mission through respective major command Inspector Generals. In our case, the Air Combat Command IG will evaluate our ability to conduct our wartime mission as stated in our Designated Operational Capability statement. They will grade use on how well we respond, employ forces, provide mission support and survive and operate in a hostile environment.

Many changes have occurred since our last CORI. We have lots of new people in the Wing, some are new to the Reserve, and some will be in leadership positions for the first time. Regardless of where you find yourself, your attitude will play a critical role in the overall outcome of the inspection. Many a minor infraction has been overlooked by the IG because people hustled,

## Chaplain's Corner: You're busy, you're very busy

By Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Willis, Sr.

YOU'RE OVERBOOKED, OVERSTRESSED, OVERBURDENED. YOU'RE on a schedule that increasingly represents the baseline tempo ... life – a harried, Lucy Ricardo-in-the-candy-factory level of frenetic activity that's impossible for anyone to sustain except in a state of mental and physical overload....

"These days, speed is of the essence; anything that can't keep up becomes the cultural equivalent of roadkill. All the

elements that represented life at its most leisurely in earlier eras – picnic tables, porch swings, letter writing – have given way to the manic pace of fast-food drive-throughs, computer games and e-mail. The overstuffed "in" box that sits on our desk or blinks in the corner of our laptop screens isn't just a sign of how backlogged our schedules have become – it's a symbol of our overloaded lives." (By David Sharp in *USA Weekend*)

UTA weekends are always busy. Some might say overly busy. But even in the midst of that busyness, God is with us. Take a moment to experience His peace. Consider this prayer from *Alive Now*:

"Eternal God, You existed before time and will exist after it is no more. When our busyness takes over our lives, remind us that you are the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all time. Amen."



Col. Bruce Kintner

showed a sense of urgency and had a great attitude.

The Wing will do some practice in 2001 most of which will come in the form of Employment and ATSO exercises. We believe ample mobility practice is scheduled in 2002, especially since the B-52 will be deploying to Australia in May 2001.

In the months to come you will see more information about preparing for our Phase I and Phase II inspections. We are required to take a CORI every four to five years. Let's have good attitudes, buckle down and get the job down right the first time. Then we can all celebrate (go fishing) and take real pride and satisfaction in our efforts and accomplishments.

The Wing plan to prepare for the CORI is listed at the bottom of page 6.

# 917th Wing ushers Independence Bowl



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN SHANNON COLLINS

**Tech. Sgt. Richard Taliaferro, 917th Maintenance Squadron, shows a Texas A&M fan his seat Dec. 31 at Shreveport's Independence Bowl. Over 50 Barksdale personnel volunteered to usher the Independence Bowl along with local Junior ROTC from Parkway, Airline and Benton High Schools.**

## In brief

### Family Day scheduled for April UTA

The 917th Wing is holding its' annual Family Day on April 7.

In order to have the appropriate amount of food, please sign-up with your supervisor or first sergeant by March 18. Cost is \$1 for E1-4, \$2 for NCO's and \$3 for officers.

In addition to the Family Day activities the Commander's Cup Golf Tournament and a 3 on 3-Basketball tournament is scheduled.

Deadline to sign-up for the golf tournament is April 2 and the basketball tournament is March 18.

For more information, on Family Day, contact Tech. Sgt. Diana Perusin at 456-9945, on the golf tournament Master Sgt. Pete Bretzman at 456-9082, and the basketball tournament Tech. Sgt. Steve Robicheaux at 456-9223.

### Academy board meets

The next Senior NCO academy in-residence board will meet at the Air Force Reserve Command in March. Individuals desiring to apply for these in-residence courses should review the SNCOA Pamphlet for eligibility criteria. This pamphlet can be found at <https://au.af.mil/au/cepme/snoca/pamphlet.htm>.

All application packages must be routed through Wing Education and Training by Feb. 10. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Pat Roberson at 456-8066.

### Essay Program sponsored

High school students of active duty, reserve component and retired military members have until Feb 15 to write their way to a share of more than \$400,000 in college money. The new Scholarships for Military Children program, co-

sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency and Fisher House Foundation Inc., plans to present more than 280 awards worth at least \$1,500 each.

The student needs to hold a minimum 3.0 high school grade-point average to apply. They also must write a short essay on "What Being a Military Dependent Means to Me."

Interested students can pick up instructions and applications at commissaries or download them from the Internet at DeCA's Web site, [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

### Club membership drive

The Officer and Enlisted Clubs are offering \$500 to any member that recruits 25 new member. The drive goes from Jan. 18 to Mar. 17. The money can be donated to the group or charity of your choice.

The rules and forms are available at the E-Club.

# Newcomers in-processing procedures adds Sunday

By Col. Bruce Kintner  
Wing Vice Commander

Several new procedures will be in place starting the February UTA for newcomers to the 917th Wing.

Previously the in-processing procedures kept newcomers Saturday only of the UTA. The new procedure keeps them most of Sunday too, in order to take a short tour of our facilities and the flight line. They will also receive Human Relations training, Drug Abuse training and EO 2000 training.

HRE and Drug Abuse training are mandatory for all newcomers regardless of prior service time in the Air Force or any other branch of the service. Credit for EO 2000 is given if the newcomer can show proof of prior attendance.

Also added is lunch with the Wing Commander, Vice Wing Commander or a Group Commander at the Red River Dining Hall. Newcomers who have been in the 917th Wing for approximately six months will be invited to eat lunch at 11 a.m. on Sunday of every primary UTA. For example, those who joined the 917th in July or August 2000 are invited to lunch in February 2001. Attendance is not mandatory, but this will be an excellent opportunity for all newcomers to communicate to senior management their ideas and feelings about the Air Force Reserves and the 917th Wing (both the good and the bad). Myself and Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle sincerely hope all newcomers will take advantage of this time to talk.

In-processing for newcomers on Saturday morning will remain the same as the current program. Saturday includes briefings and paperwork at the Wing, uniform issue, and



Airman 1st Class Willie Bryant, Jr., 307th RED HORSE, in-processes with Master Sgt. Tamara Stephens, 917th Wing career assistance advisor.

PHOTO BY BETTY STEPHENS

paperwork at each individual's squadron.

The Wing is making every effort to ensure all newcomers get uniforms issued to them on their first UTA so they can wear appropriate military clothing their second UTA. Squadron IMPAC card holders need to be available on Saturday of every primary UTA to ensure success with uniform issue.

Group Career Advisors, Squadron Career Advisors and Squadron 1st Sergeants will be kept informed about newcomers as well as Squadron Commanders.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Tamara Stephens, 917 WG Career Assistance Advisor at 456-1003 or myself at 456-9172.

## 917<sup>th</sup> Newcomers

### 917<sup>th</sup> Wing

Capt. Ralph B. DeVaul, Jr.  
Fearland, Texas

### 917<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron

Staff Sgt. Rogelio Gonzalez  
Tatum, Texas

### 917<sup>th</sup> Logistic Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Todd D. Paulette  
Lufkin, Texas

Airman First Class Natalia Q. Lewis  
Beaumont, Texas

### 917<sup>th</sup> Communication Flight

Senior Airman Amy M. Fly  
Bossier City, La.

Senior Airman Kelly M. Deyo  
Biloxi, Miss.

### 917<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Timothy S. Doran  
Arlington, Texas

Senior Airman Jason M. Hairgrove  
Shreveport, La.

Senior Airman Daniel J. Bean, III  
Shreveport, La.

### 917<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Bradley J. Gruselle  
Bossier City, La.



**Airman of the Quarter**  
Senior Airman John Lee  
93rd Bomb Squadron



**Superior Award for Recruiting**  
Staff Sgt. Robert Mobley  
917th Wing Recruiting



**NCO of the Quarter**  
Tech. Sgt. John Shankle  
47th Fighter Squadron

**NCO of the Year for 2000**  
Staff Sgt. Jerry Hardel  
93rd Bomb Squadron  
**Airman of the Year for 2000**  
Staff Sgt. Diego Sifuentes  
917th Logistics Group

## 917<sup>th</sup> Wing Promotions

**Chief Master Sergeant**  
Robert A. Murray  
**Senior Master Sergeant**

James L. Baumgartner

**Master Sergeants**

Gregory Antoine

Paul R. Cassidy

Curtis E. Chaffin, Jr.

Ival T. Jones

Daniel A. McGrath

John F. Smith

Richard Whiteside

**Technical Sergeants**

Richard D. Lindsey

Christopher Martin

Kelly Stricklin

**Staff Sergeants**

Bryan M. Davis

Jason S. Kennedy

Jason G. Myers

Jody D. Pieper

Wilbert L. Smith, Jr.

David L. Strozier

**Senior Airman**

Latoya K. Marshall

Casey L. Roberson

Emmanuel Williams

**Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class**

Mariano P. Derige

Coidentz Y. Fox

Tiashia J. Wade

**Airman**

Jason C. Carroll

Reginald V. Johnson

Abby L. Mozeke

Adonis J. Whitby



Capt. David "Mad Dog" Lunger, 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Squadron, Instructor Radar Navigator took Top Graduate of the United State Air Force Weapons School B-52 class in December 2000 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

PHOTO BY BETTY STEPHENS



# Voices: What changes do you think should be made to the Air Force uniform?



**Senior Airman John Billingsley**  
93rd Bomb Squadron

"I would like the BDU shirts to come back that have the buttons on the sides."



**Capt. Janice Sneed**  
917th Medical Squadron

"A better quality of the dress blues at a better price and for the side buttons to come back on BDU shirts."



**Staff Sgt. Craig Stevens**  
917th Mission Support Squadron

"I would like to see short sleeve BDU's for warm weather conditions."



**Tech. Sgt. Despena Melton**  
917th Mission Support Squadron

"The prices of the uniforms and accessories need to be more reasonably priced."

## Uniform board results take effect Feb. 1

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Personnel officials said the 95th Uniform Board's results will take effect Feb. 1 because of the extended time required to incorporate all the decisions, changes, and updates into the Air Force's instruction on dress and appearance of its members.

Air Force Instruction 36-2903 states Air Force Uniform Board results take effect when incorporated into the instruction; however, because of the extended time required to update the instruction, the uniform board's results will become effective next month.

The results of the board are:

- When wearing ribbons, all — including devices — are required.
- Fingernail length can not interfere

with duty performance or hinder proper fit of prescribed safety equipment or uniform items.

— Attaché cases, gym bags, backpacks and women's purses are authorized to be carried in either hand, but cannot interfere with giving a proper salute.

— Attachments for access badges/ passes are authorized (plain dark blue or black ropes, silver or plastic small link chains, and clear plastic chain) as long as they do not interfere with safety; they must be conservative and free of advertisement.

— Center the excellence-in-competition badge on the welt pocket of the service dress jacket. — Pharmacy technician certification badge may be

worn on the utility uniform (whites) 1/2 inch above nametag.

— "Camel pack" water containers are approved as part of standard hot weather uniform.

— The re-sized mini-badge is authorized for wear when available for purchase. Although the topic of nametags was not addressed by the board, questions continually arise, according to personnel officials. The AFI states nametags must be "laminated ultramarine blue plastic material with white, block-style letters engraved on the plastic and a clutch-type fastener." Additionally, the instruction states no additions can be made. Epoxy resin covered or coated nametags are not authorized.

## 2002 schedule for CORI preparation

Jan 5-6, 2002	Wing Mobility Exercise (No Flying)
Feb 2-3	93rd Bomb Squadron Generation/Deployment Exercise (Fly Sunday)
Mar 2-3	Wing ATSO, Regeneration/Employment Exercise (fly Sunday), Commander's Call
Apr 6-7	Mobility Exercise - 10th Air Force Deployment Assistance Visit (No Flying)
May 4-5	Mobility Exercise — Personnel processing only
Jun 8-9	Phase I CORI
Jul 13-14	Commander's Call
Aug 3-4	
Sep 7-8	Wing ATSO/ Employment Exercise — 10 AF Readiness Assistance Visit
Oct 5-6	Walk, weigh-in, CPX (Frag/simulations), Commander's Call to brief Rules Of Engagement
Nov 2-3	Phase II CORI
Dec 7-8	AEF 7 (aviation package), Commander's Call

# 917th Wing Training Schedule

February UTA 3-4

Time	Event	Location
<b>Saturday</b>		
0600	UTA prayer breakfast	Red River Inn Dining
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0730-1030	Immunizations	Base hospital, 2nd Floor
0730	Long & Short fly physicals	Flight surgeon office
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Base hospital
0730-1000	Immunizations	Base hospital
0800	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0800	Physicals (non-fly)	Base hospital foyer
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm 227
0900-1000	Yellow fever shots	Base hospital
0900-1200	Intermediate Outlook Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0930, 1030 & 1330	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	Unit deployment managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300-1430	Immunizations	93 BS Hangar
1300-1600	Intermediate Excel	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
1300	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
1300	Unit Safety Rep. meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
<b>1550-1615</b>	<b>Sign-out 1550 --MS 1600--CES, MSS, WG</b>	<b>1610--LS</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0800	Career advisor training	Bldg. 6815, T-Net
0800	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0800	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0900	Unit advisory council	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0900	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0900-1200	Intermediate Powerpoint	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
1000-1030	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1130-1530	EO 2000	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	Family Day meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
1430	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1430	LSS commander's call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1515	47 FS commanders call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
<b>1550-1615</b>	<b>Sign-out 1550 --MS 1600--CES, MSS, WG</b>	<b>1610--LS</b>

## Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

### Barksdale AFB, La.

Master Sgt. Dave Myers  
Master Sgt. Joe Menna  
1-800-241-4071

### Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Master Sgt. Kris Jaso  
501-987-7188

### Mesquite/Tyler, Texas

Staff Sgt. Brian Mobely  
972-681-6384/903-534-8618

### Shreveport, La.

Tech. Sgt. Don Copeland  
318-683-0331

### Texarkana, Texas

Staff Sgt. TeNeuss Land  
903-223-7030

### Monroe, La.

Senior Airman Mike Devillier  
318-323-1898

# SERVICES

## *Military Personnel Flight*

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, ext. 9205

### **Saturday**

7 - 11 a.m. - Newcomers in-processing.  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)

### **Sunday**

7 - 8 a.m. - Closed for training.  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)  
2:30 - 4 p.m. - Closed for training.

### **Monday - Friday**

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All service.

**NOTE: Customer Service functions include in & out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, Vehicle Decals, Record Reviews, etc.**

## **Base Billeting**

**Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092**

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (reservations required).

## **Chaplain**

**Bldg. 6803, Room 239, 456-9179**

Friday & Saturday - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## **Red River Dining Hall**

**Bldg. 4631**

Breakfast - 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch MS - 11 - 1

47FS - 11:45 WG - 11

MSS - 11:45 93 BS - 11:15

CES - noon SFS - 12:15

Shuttle service to the dining hall runs every 20 minutes starting at 11 a.m.. Pick-up points are Bldg. 6850, 6825 and 6803)

**NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.**

## **Family Readiness**

**Bldg. 4713**

Saturday & Sunday - 8 - 11 a.m.

## **Military drivers license**

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours:

Saturday & Sunday noon - 2 p.m.

## **Lodging**

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Once the automated system answers, key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

## **Military Pay**

Main UTA Schedule

Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## **Gov. Credit Card Service**

**Bldg. 6803, Room 203, 456-9546**

Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Main UTA - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Saturday only)

## **Military clothing issue**

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Main UTA Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## RED HORSE trains personnel through base improvement projects



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. JESSICA D'AURIZIO

Top left: Tech. Sgt. Arthur Miller, pavement construction equipment operator, releases concrete from the mobile concrete truck while pouring a sidewalk at the 93rd Bomb Squadron during the January UTA. Top Right: 307th RED HORSE members rake concrete in a sidewalk form at the 93 BS during UTA training projects. Bottom Left: Staff Sgt. Robert Steelman, pavement construction equipment operator, levels sand before pouring concrete at the 2nd Communication Squadron gazebo also built by the 307th RED HORSE.

### UTA Schedule

#### Main

Feb. 3-4  
Mar. 3-4  
Apr. 7-8  
May 5-6  
June 2-3  
July 14-15  
Aug. 4-5  
Sept. 8-9  
Oct. 13-14  
Nov. 3-4  
Dec. 1-2

#### Alternate

Feb. 10-11  
Mar. 17-18  
Apr. 21-22  
May 19-20  
June 23-24  
July 21-22  
Aug. 18-19  
Sept. 22-23  
Oct. 20-21  
Nov. 17-18  
Dec. 8-9

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